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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: KISSINGER VISIT

REF: ISLAMABAD 7848, ISLAMABAD 7841, KABUL 5638

1. IF THERE IS ANY WAY YOU CAN GET TO BHUTTO DIRECTLY YOU SHOULD DO SO BUT, IF NOT, YOU SHOULD GO BACK TO AGHA SHAHI TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING POINTS FOR BHUTTO:

--WE THINK HE OUGHT TO KNOW THAT IT IS THE JUDGMENT OF OUR AMBASSADOR IN KABUL THAT IF THE VISIT TAKES PLACE IN PESHAWAR IT WOULD CREATE BAD FEELINGS WITH THE AFGHANS.

--THIS TRIP CAME ABOUT AT THE REQUEST OF THE AFGHANS AS PART OF OUR EFFORT TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE AFGHANS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO DIMINISH THEIR RELIANCE ON THE SOVIETS AND IN THEIR RECENT ACTIONS IN IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN.

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--WE HAD READILY AGREED WHEN BHUTTO ASKED THAT WE ALSO

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COME TO PAKISTAN.

--THE FACT THAT THE SECRETARY IS NOT STOPPING IN INDIA UNDERLINES THE NATURE OF OUR SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH

PAKISTAN AND REPRESENTS A CHANGE FROM OUR PAST PRACTICE.

--IF ARRANGING THE VISIT FOR PESHAWAR RATHER THAN PAKISTAN'S CAPITAL IS GOING TO CAST A CLOUD OVER THE AFGHAN PORTION OF THE TRIP, THE BENEFITS WHICH WE PERCEIVE IN THE TRIP WOULD BE DIMINISHED.

--OF COURSE IF THE PRIME MINISTER INSISTS THAT WE GO TO PESHAWAR WE WILL DEFER TO THE HOSTS' WISHES, BUT WE WOULD HAVE TO TELL THE AFGHANS THAT WE WERE GOING THERE AT THE REQUEST OF THE PAKISTANIS AND THAT IT HAS NO POLITICAL IMPLICATION.

--BY THE SAME TOKEN, IF HE WOULD PREFER TO ARRANGE THE VISIT FOR SOME OTHER CITY, WE WOULD CERTAINLY BE AMENABLE.

--WE FELT WE OWED IT TO BHUTTO TO LAY OUT TO HIM ALL THESE CONSIDERATIONS AS WE SEE THEM. IF AFTER CONSIDERING THESE POINTS HE STILL PREFERS TO MEET IN PESHAWAR, THAT IS WHAT WE WILL DO. KISSINGER

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